

Daniel Boone.

In his peaceful habitation on the banks of the Yadkin River in North Carolina, Daniel Boone, the illustrious hunter, had heard Finley, a trader, so memorable as the pioneer, describe a tract of land west of Virginia, the richest in North America or in the world. In May, 1769, leaving his wife and offspring, having Emily as his pilot, and four others as his companions, the young man of about three and twenty wandered forth through the wilderness of America, "in quest of the country of Kentucky," known to the savages as "the Dark and Bloody Ground," the "Middle Ground" between the subjects of the Five Nations and the Cherokees. After a long and fatiguing journey through mountain ranges, the party found themselves in June on the Red River, a tributary to the Kentucky, and from the top of an eminence surveyed with delight the beautiful plain that stretched to the north-west. Here they built shelter and began to reconnoitre and to hunt. All the kinds of wild beasts that were natural to America—the stately elk, the timid deer, the antlered stag, the wildcat, the bear, the panther and the wolf—couched among the canes, or roamed over the rich grasses which, even beneath the thickest shades, sprang luxuriantly out of the generous soil. The buffaloes cropped fearlessly the herbage or browsed on the leaves of the reed, and were more frequent than cattle in the settlements of Carolina herdsmen. Sometimes there were hundreds in a drove, and round the salt-licks their number was amazing.

The summer in which for the first time a party of white men enjoyed the brilliancy of nature near and in the valley of the Elk-horn, passed away in the occupations of exploring parties and the chase. But one by one, Boone's companions dropped off, till he was left alone with John Stewart. They jointly found unceasing delight in the wonders of the forest, till one evening, near Kentucky river, they were taken prisoners by a band of Indians, wanderers like themselves. They escaped and were joined by Boone's brother; so that when Stewart was soon after killed by savages, the first victim among the hecatomb of whitemen slain by them in their desperate battling for the lovely hunting ground, Boone still had his brother to share with him the dangers and attractions of the wilderness, the building and occupying the first cottage in Kentucky.

In the spring of 1770, that brother returned to the settlements for horses and supplies of ammunition, leaving the renowned hunter "by himself without bread, or salt, or sugar, or even a horse or dog." "The idea of a beloved wife," anxious for his safety, tinged his thoughts with a sadness; but otherwise the cheerful, meditative man, careless of wealth, knowing the use of the rifle, not the plough, of a strong robust frame, in the vigorous health of early manhood, ignorant of books, but versed in the forest and forest life, ever fond of tracking the deer on foot, away from men, yet in his disposition, humane, generous and gentle, was happy in the uninterrupted succession "of sylvan pleasure."

One calm summer's evening, as he climbed a commanding ridge, and looked out upon the remote "venerable mountains," and the nearer ample plains, and caught a glimpse in the distance of the Ohio, which bounded the land of his affections with majestic grandeur, his heart exulted in the region he had discovered. "All things were still." Not a breeze so much as shook a leaf. He kindled a fire near a fountain of sweet water, and feasted on the loin of a buck. He was no more alone than a bee among flowers, but communed familiarly with the whole universe of life. Nature was his intimate and as the roving woodsman leaned confidently on her bosom, she responded to his intelligence.

For him the rocks and the fountains, the leaf and the blades of grass had life; the cooling air, laden with the wild perfume, came to him as a friend; the dewy morning wrapped him in its embrace; the trees stood up gloriously round about him as so many myriads of companions. All forms were the character of design or peril. But how could he be afraid? Triumphant over danger, he knew no fear. The perpetual howling of the wolves by night round his cottage or his bivouac in the brake, was his diversion; and by day he had joy in surveying the various species of animals that surrounded him. He loved the solitude better than the towered city or the hum of business.

Near the end of July, 1770, his faithful brother came back to meet him at the old camp. Shortly after he proceeded to Cumberland river, giving names to the different waters; and he then returned to his wife and children, fixed in his purpose at the risk of life and fortune to bring them as soon as possible to live in Kentucky, which he esteemed a second paradise.

The Influences of Home.

There are few words in the English language which sound sweeter than that of Home. It brings up before the mind's eye the joyous days of childhood, awakens the happy associations of our youth and innocence, and warms the soul in the fire of happy memories. Indeed, it is a word which is blessed and sacred in every bosom. There is not a memory which is not stored with pleasant recollections of the home of their early years, and there is no heart which ever forgets the influences which there moulded and formed its affections and its impulses. From the wild forests of the West, from the icy regions of the North, from every quarter of the globe, the thoughts of millions and millions of human beings go back with tearful pleasure of the quiet happiness and the contented enjoyment of their childhood's home. Those homes may now be deserted, the fires which burned upon their hearths may be dim, the eyes which loved to watch our coming may have long since ceased to smile a welcome, the voices which gladdened us may have long since been silenced in death;—but for all that, and the absence of years, and the thousand cares of life, and the bustle and strife of business,—there are times when we go back upon the chain of memory and once more live over again the life of our childhood. All over life's weary desert are

travellers who never forget the early impressions made upon their hearts in the bosom of home, and whose thoughts go back over the waste of years to the old homestead, and to the kind lessons of a mother and the friendly counsels of a father.

"From a good home it is not far to Heaven," is the thought of a noble-hearted Swedish woman; and the sentiments are full of great and beautiful truth. A good home, a home, in which the father and the mother performed their duty to their children, is the best school upon earth. The youthful mind is ever open to instruction, and can easily be moulded to the will of the superior intelligence. The youthful heart is susceptible to impressions, and lessons of truth and goodness imparted in the early years of childhood, never fail to produce a lasting benefit. The fireside is an institution far more important than the College or the Seminary. The lessons there learned are life's lessons. They are never forgotten. The influences of home and early education direct the whole destiny. They are the blessings or the curse of mankind. The children of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow. It should never be forgotten, that—

"The child is father of the man;"—and that upon the influences which direct the childhood depend the character and destiny of after life. The habits then formed are the habits which give form and color to the whole texture of existence. Lessons of truth and virtue, then learned, are never forgotten. They may seem to be erased from the tablets of memory, and may appear to exert no influence upon the character and the life,—but it is never so. They are as deep and lasting as the mind and the soul. They defy the rust of years, and outlive all other lessons of maturer age.

How important, then, that the influences of home should be salutary influences. How important that the impressions made upon the youthful mind, should be good impressions. How important that the character then formed, should be based upon the principles of truth and virtue. With such a character, the path of prosperity, honor and renown lies open to all. A good character, the basis of which has been laid in childhood, is the first great requisite to success in life. A young man who is entering upon life with a fair reputation, feels that he possesses a treasure which is beyond all price. Character has been well compared to capital—the more a person possesses of it, the greater are his facilities for adding to it; or it is like an accumulating fund, constantly increasing in value, and daily acquiring to itself fresh accessions of stability and worth.—Augusta Home Gazette.

Take care of your Health.

To a young man who asked Horace Mann to give him counsel towards success in the profession, that extraordinary Mann replied tersely, promptly, and definitely. He opened with the following very common-sense and important suggestion touching the necessity of Health.

"First, you need health. Hope cheats him with the belief that, if he can study now without cessation he can always. Because he does not see the end of his strength, he foolishly concludes there is no end. A person who is a spendthrift of health is one of the most reprehensible of spendthrifts. I am certain I could have performed full twice the labor, both better and with greater ease to myself, had I known as much of the laws of health and life, at twenty-one, as I do now. In college, I was taught everything about the motions of the planets, with as much care as though the world would be in danger of getting off the track if I had not known how to trace their orbit; but about my own organization, and the conditions indispensable to the healthful functions of my own body, I was left in profound ignorance. Nothing could be more preposterous than to take such a course. I ought to have begun at home, and taken the stars when it should have come their turn. The consequence of it was, I broke down at the beginning of my second college year, and have never had a well day since. Whatever labor I have ever since been able to do, I have it all upon credit, instead of capital—a most ruinous way, either in regard to health or money.—For the last twenty-five years, so far as it regards health I have been put, from day to day on my good behavior; and during the whole of this period, as a Hibernian would say, if I had lived as other folks do for but a month, I should have died in a fortnight."

"Health has a great deal to do with what the world calls talent. Take a lawyer's life through, and high health is at least equal to fifty per cent more of brain. Endurance, cheerfulness, wit, eloquence, attain a force and splendor with health which they never can without it. It often happens that the credit awarded to the intellect belongs to the digestion. Though I do not believe genius and euepsy are convertible terms, yet the former can never rise to its loftiest heights unaided by the latter."

"Again, a wise man, with a great enterprise before him, first looks round for suitable instruments wherewith to execute it, and he thinks it all-important to command these instruments before he commences his labor. Health is an indispensable instrument for the best qualities and the highest finish of every work. Think of the immense advantage it would give you in a suit at court, if, after a week's or a fortnight's investigation of facts, you would come in for the closing argument, on the last day, fresh and elastic, which only so much more of momentum and fervor for the velocity and glow which you had acquired, while your wilted opponent had but little more vitality than a bag of sand! How long will our teachers and trainers of youth suffer boxers and racers to be wiser in their generations than themselves?"

Grabe, right hand man of the king of Prussia's company first foot guards, died at Potsdam, in August. He was the tallest soldier in Europe—seven feet one inch.

"Is that the tune the old cow died off?" asked an old Englishman, nettled at the industry with which a New Englander whistled Yankee Doodle.

"No, beef, replied Johnathan, that are the tune old Bull died off."

PROSPECTS of the KANSAS HERALD.

WE shall issue on the 15th of September at Leavenworth, Kansas territory, the Kansas Herald, a weekly Journal devoted to Miscellaneous Literature, Agriculture, general intelligence, and the maintenance of democratic principles. Coming on the political arena at a time when the whole country is convulsed with fierce sectional conflicts, we shall take our stand, at the start firmly against the sweeping current of public infatuation and plant ourselves on the platform of the strict construction, democratic principles and measures of popular supremacy. State sovereignty, equal privileges, adherence to the Constitution of the United States, representation, frequency of elections, opposition to class legislation. It is the success of these principles and measures that has elevated our beloved country with a rapidly unparalleled in the annals of nations, to a height of prosperity and power which justly entitles her to be the wonder of the world. Though falling short in power to assist in the upholding the success of Democratic rule, our best efforts shall be put forth in the cause; and we are determined that a want of sincerity and vigilance shall not be justly laid to our charge.

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